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Intended for teachers, this workbook uses 20 well-known children's books as models to teach expository and narrative writing skills. The workbook teaches students about brainstorming, focus, organization, elaboration, and writing conventions with readily-available quality children's literature, such as "When I Was Young in the Mountains," "Scrabble Creek," "Owl Moon," "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day," and "Ira Sleeps Over." Using the techniques of good writers as models, the workbook takes teacher and students step-by-step through each component of the writing workshop mini-lesson--each lesson proceeds through a mini-lesson with specific language, models, examples, and pre-written charts. A primary and intermediate level lesson for each selection in the workbook make it easy to match the mini-lesson with the readiness level of students. Teachers can build skill mastery in their students by using the mini-lessons in the order they are presented in the workbook, or pick and choose to suit their own programs. The workbook has been classroom tested by teachers. (NKA)

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